activities of terrorist organizations from time to time. Besides, bilateral and multilateral steps are taken to counter such activities.

Intelligence failure regarding Naxal attacks

*73. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during December, 2005 although Naxalites and Maoists attacks in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, etc. were countered by respective States Police, there seemed to be an intelligence failure as the intensity and frequency of such attacks indicate;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is evolving a concerted and well co-ordinated approach to deal with this growing Naxal menace; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) While the naxal affected States have stepped up their police response to counter the naxal violence, these States have been asked to improve intelligence gathering and sharing mechanisms to combat this menace more effectively.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view that naxalism is not merely a law & order problem, the Union Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to address this menace simultaneously on political, security and development fronts in a holistic and coordinated manner.

Committee for acquisition of land for cantonments

†*74. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Committee or Board to decide prudently the requirement of land for cantonments or other defence related works or for acquiring land which is actually needed, as it is often seen that excessive land is acquired which remains unutilised for many years and is also not returned to its owners;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.